

# Backcountry Camping Trip Guide

## Two Nights

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## AT: North District

AT - One way

**Level:** Experienced

**Total Length:** 25 to 27 miles

**Trip Description:** Views including Compton Peak and Mt. Marshall, outstanding geology

**Entry:** Compton Gap Boundary

**Exit:** 32 MP - Thornton Gap

**Map(s):** PATC # 9 North District

North District; East side; Route # 610

### Day One

Campsite: AT (1A) Boundary to Gravel Springs - backcountry

7 to 8 miles

Park at Chester Gap.

Hike up Compton Gap Trail, 0.5 mile.

Turn left onto the Appalachian Trail (AT) and hike south 6 to 7 miles.

(Be sure to take both side trails at Compton Peak; add 0.4 mile.)

Look for a place to camp between Hogwallow Flats and North Marshall.

### Day Two

Campsite: Piney Ridge Trail - backcountry

8 to 10 miles

Continue south on the AT another 7.4 to 8.4 miles.

Pick up water at Range View Cabin -no camping here without renting cabin- (add 0.2 mile).

Hike down Piney Ridge Trail up to 1 mile to look for a place to camp.

### Day Three

10 to 11 miles

Return to the AT (up to 1 mile).

Hike south 9.6 miles to Thornton Gap, U.S. Highway 211.

### Notes

If you have not obtained a backcountry permit before your hike, you may obtain one shortly after hiking up Compton Gap Trail, by turning right on the AT and hiking less than 0.1 mile to a self-registration station.